

REMARKS

This is a divisional application of application serial number 09/425,274 filed on October 21, 1999.

Claims 1-16 and 23 have been cancelled.

Enclosed herewith are five (5) sheets of formal drawings for the above-identified application. Figure 2 has been changed to include references numbers for the feature extractor 300, the classifier 310, and the estimator 320. These elements are described on page 8, lines 6-7. No new matter has been added.

Applicant notes that a divisional application directed to cancelled claims 13-16 is being filed on even date herewith under Attorney Docket No. 2102484-902001.

Entry of this preliminary amendment, and early consideration of this case, are respectfully requested.

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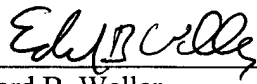
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